

REMARKS

Claims **1-103** are pending in the application. Claims **1-103** stand rejected. Claims **1-8, 11, 22, 45, 65-69, and 97-103** have been amended. The claim amendments presented herein incorporate all of the desired changes.

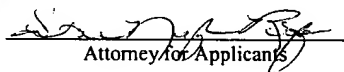
Applicants respectfully note that Information Disclosure Statements were submitted on May 4, 2005 (17 references); June 10, 2005 (1 reference, U.S. Patent 6,832,203 – Villena); July 26, 2005 (2 references); and September 16, 2005 (2 references) (which is resubmission of the 2 references submitted on July 26, 2005 under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) with certification).

An error was made in the submission of the IDS on June 10, 2005, and an IDS is submitted herewith to place the cited reference properly before the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the above-referenced Information Disclosure Statements and return a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 forms indicating that the references have been considered. If the Examiner has not received the IDS and/or PTO-1449 forms, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5086.

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